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How important is the literature review (and differentiating between various types of journals) and assessing prior research, theorists, and current instructional strategies?

As action researchers begin their own research, literature review and differentiating between various types of journals are extremely important. It is also important for action researchers to assess and analyze any prior research, review theorists relating to their topic of research, and consider any current instructional strategies connected to their topic. Action researchers do not reinvent the wheel,’ they ‘inflate’ it. Literature review is a way for researches and writers to reach our readers. We analyze and assess the importance of our research.

Literature review is an essential part of action research. It provides a framework for the research paper. Literature review allows for an organization of various sources used in the research. It guides our research. It is essential that action researchers use the best source of information when reviewing articles and journals for research. Action researchers can consider, for example, a wide variety of sources for their research. However, it is important that they use peer reviewed and blind-refereed articles as sources of information for a properly conducted research. Blind -refereed articles and peer reviewed articles are most reputable, as they are reviewed by experts in their particular fields. Blind-refereed articles are articles that are sent to others in the field for review with the author, remaining anonymous. The article is analyzed without bias and partially. Essentially, blind-refereed articles represent the opinions of not only the author or authors, but with the approval of the author’s peers. Peer reviewed articles are similar, but the name of the author/s remains.

Assessing prior research, theorists and current instructional strategies helps the researcher to acquire more information and insight about their topic. This helps the researchers focus on the topic or question they are researching. As an action research assess prior research, this aid in building of knowledge. Assessing prior knowledge helps a researcher to avoid redundancy, or repeating work or methods that didn’t work. Researcher can use prior research as a ‘stepping stone,’ building upon important findings and outcomes of the research.

As researchers assess prior knowledge they are able to determine any important line of reasoning or current strategies as related to the topic or questions they have.

It is important for action researcher to consider the important theorists and current instructional strategies for their particular question or topic. Finding the works of theorists in the field is also important. Theorists are those persons who have done much work in the particular field and have found ideas that work. Assessing and understanding the various theorists in the field, helps the action researcher to move forward in their research. Applying current instructional strategies is another key factor in good research. Action researchers can connect their findings with prior findings. If these strategies work, the action researchers will do well to apply them.

Action researchers do not reinvent the wheel. As they begin their own research, is it extremely important for them to realize that literature review and differentiating between various types of journals are essential. It is also important for action researchers to assess and analyze any prior research, review theorists relating to their topic of research, and consider any current instructional strategies connected to their topic.